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October, 1692. The act referred to was passed March 23, 1661-2, re-enacted October, 1686, and in part repealed September, 1696. The clause violated was that which forbade planting or replanting after June 1st, under a penalty of 10,000 pounds tobacco.]

**Petition of Edmund Jenings, Attorney-General, for
Increase of Salary, 1692.**

(From Virginia State Archives.)

To his Excellency Francis, Lord Howard of Effingham, his
Maj^{tie} Lieut. and Gover^{nr} Gen^l of Virg^a, & ye Hon^{ble}
Councill of State.

Edmund Jenings, His Maj^{ty} Attorney Gen^l, Most humbly
sheweth:

That in the yeare 1680 yo^r Petition^r was appointed ever since
and hath had the Honour to officiate in the quality aforesaid
ever since, in the beginning of which time & till late little busi-
ness of moment or consequence did offer or occur on the Crowne
side, soe that yo^r Petition^r continuall attendance not requisite
or expected at the gen^l Courts which your Petition^r conceives to
be some reason of ye small salary allowed yo^r Petition^r in the
quality aforesaid.

But whereas since the arrivall of his Excellency into this Do-
minion the Employment of yo^r Petition^r in the quality afores^d
hath much encreased by reason of the Strict Inquiry & inspec-
tion of ye Breach & ye due execution of ye Laws & thereby yo^r
Petition^r dayly or continuall attendance on yo^r Excellency &
Hon^{rs} is required, & whereas Severall Causes on the behalf of
his Ma^{ty} is prosecuted without fee & divers Indictm^{ts} proceeded
upon ag^t severall offenders w^{ch} are insolvent, for w^{ch} the Assem-
bly formerly used to allow & pay & discharge the same but of
late rejected by them altho['] for his Ma^{ty} & Country's Service.

Wherefore yo^r Petition^r (with all due Submission) most hum-
bly Prays yo^r Excellency & Hon^{rs} to take the premises into yo^r
most Serious Consideration, and so make such additionall allow-
ance as shall be thought fitt & that yo^r Excellency & Hon^{rs}

would bee pleased to represent the same to his most Sacred Ma^{ty} & Councill for their 'allowance and Establishm'.

And yo' Pe'tion', as in Duty bound, shall ever pray, &c.

[Endorsed.]

Mr. Jennings, about Sal'ry, 1692.

The business of Mr. Jenning's office of att'y Gen' greatly increased since arrival of Dr. Effingham. Asks increase of Salary.

[It is probable that Effingham's diligence in executing the laws was due chiefly to a desire to obtain fees and other perquisites.]

Edmund Jenings, youngest son of Sir Edmund Jenings, of Ripon, Yorkshire, was born 1659, and died December 5, 1727. He settled in Virginia, at "Ripon Hall," York county; was Attorney-General of the Colony 1680-92, &c.; member of the Council from 1684; President of that body and acting Governor from June, 1706, to August, 1710; Secretary of State, reviser of laws, &c. He married Frances, daughter of Henry Corbin, and had several children, among them Frances, who married Charles Grymes, of Richmond county, and was an ancestress of General R. E. Lee; Elizabeth, who married Robert Porteus, of Gloucester county, and was mother of Beilby Porteus, Bishop of London, and a son, Edmund, who was a prominent man in Maryland, and who was grandfather of Edmund Randolph. See Dr. Lee's *Lee Family*, pages 300-301, and *The Curio* (N. Y.), page 141.]

VIRGINIA MILITIA IN THE REVOLUTION.

(CONTINUED.)

May 9. Booker, Capt. Edward; for a fife for his Com'y Militia & pay of Drummer & fifer, £2. 9. 4.

Booker, Capt. Edward; for Colours, Halberts, Drum & Fife, to his Comp'y Militia, 9. 19. 6.

12. Bressie, Samuel, &c., for overlooking Workmen & carpenters pay at Fort Steven, 37. 14. 4.